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ATTACHMENT/S:

MESSAGE:S.N. 09/978,576Attached is our Nov. 27, 2002 amendment.**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE**

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13 and 21 and substitute the following amended claim(s) 1, 12, 17 and 18 for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

1. (Amended) A low depth bottle crate having a peripheral wall of uniform height, said peripheral wall including a pair of side walls and a pair of end walls; a crate bottom connected to said peripheral wall, an upper surface of said crate bottom formed to

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